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CSC as Payment Gateway
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(a) whether the Common Service Centre (CSC) has been allotted license for functioning as payment gateway;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the number of CSC opened in villages and rural districts along with the number of employment opportunities created so far; and
(d) the details of achievement of CSC in creating a cashless society

Answer

(a) and (b): CSC e Governance Services India Ltd. (Common Services Centre −Special Purpose Vehicle: CSC -SPV), formed by Government of India for overall program management and enabling monitoring of the CSC scheme, has got license / in principle approval from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for functioning as Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) on 13/06/2016. Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) system is a bill payment system in India with a single point providing 'anytime anywhere payment system' to customer.

(c): The current number of registered CSCs in villages and rural districts is 2, 40,150; out of this, 1, 68,585 are at Gram Panchayat (GP level).
One CSC on an average provides employment to 3 - 4 persons.

(d): CSCs have enabled rural citizens/ merchants in utilising various mechanisms of digital financial transactions such as Instant Money Payment System (IMPS), Unified Payment Interface (UPI), Bank Point of Sale (PoS) machines, etc.

More than 2 Crore citizens have been registered for enabling use of digital financial tools besides 6.6 lakhs merchants.

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